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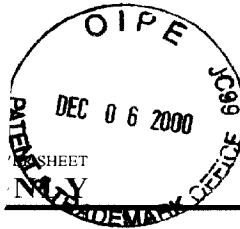
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respectively, have invented certain new and useful improvements in

Rectificative isolation of (meth)acrylic acid from a mixture containing, as main components, (meth)acrylic acid and an organic liquid having a higher boiling point than (meth)acrylic acid

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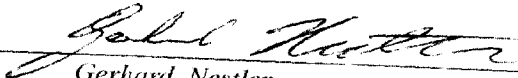
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